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## **Awards for CDF**

**Sacramento-** January 22, 2002 was a day of accolades for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) as the department brought home the first place trophy in the Governor's Clarity Awards competition and CDF Assistant Chief Dale Eberhart won the National Safety Center's award for innovation in workplace safety training.

The CDF brochure "Homeowner's Checklist: Make your Home Fire Safe" tied for first place with the entry from the Department of Industrial Relations. The checklist is an easy to follow guide for making a home "Fire Safe" inside and out. It was created by the CDF Public Education Unit and is distributed around the state as part of the department's Fire Safe California! program.

Chief Eberhart was recognized for "individual accomplishment in promoting innovative ways to teach work place safety" for his creation of the CDF Distance Learning Program. This computer program provides a low cost and effective method for CDF to train its firefighters in the latest safety techniques.

"This is a great example of the administration's efforts to make government accessible to the public," said CDF Director Andrea Tuttle. "We are honored to receive this recognition of our continuing efforts to help people keep their homes fire safe."

The crystal and wood Clarity Award will be prominently placed in the Director's office at CDF Sacramento Headquarters.